

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments, an Abstract has been added to the specification. Applicant wishes to point out that this Abstract is identical to the Abstract published by WIPO in International Publication No. WO 2004/000006 (which application corresponds to the subject application), except that the reference numeral have been omitted in accordance with U.S. practice.

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependency and reduce the filing fee.

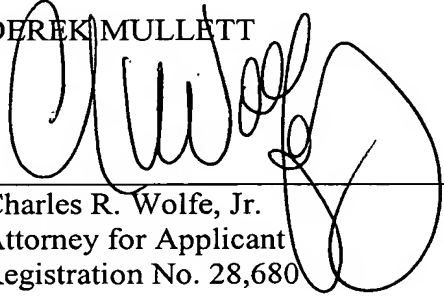
Also, applicant retains all rights to the subject matter covered by the amended multiple dependent claims by making these claims directly dependent on a single claim. The subject matter now not included in these claims may be reintroduced as multiple dependent claims or as separate independent or dependent claims in the present application or in a continuation and/or divisional application.

Finally, Applicant understands that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (GB 0300213.6 filed 7 January 2003) has been supplied to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

Prompt, favorable action on the subject application, as presently amended, is earnestly solicited.

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